The Board of Education of the School District of Columbia, Boone County, Missouri, met in special session at the Administration Building, 1818 West Worley Street, at the hour of 7:30 a.m., Central Daylight Time, Thursday, the 22nd day of August, 2013. Those in attendance were as follows:

President Christine King
Vice President James Whitt
Member Jan Mees
Member Darin Preis
Member Dr. Tom Rose
Member Jonathan Sessions
Superintendent Dr. Chris Belcher
Executive Director of Human Resources and Employment Law and Secretary Andrea Follett
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer Linda Quinley

Absent: Member Helen Wade

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by President King at 7:30 a.m.

Consideration of Agenda
The first matter of business was consideration of approval of the agenda for the August 22, 2013, meeting of the Board of Education. It was moved by Ms. Mees that the agenda be approved as presented. The second was by Mr. Sessions. The vote was 6 yes—0 no—1 absent.

(At this point in the meeting, 7:35 a.m., Ms. Wade arrived.)

Tax Rate Hearing and Consideration of School District Tax Levy
Dr. Belcher and Ms. Quinley presented an overview of the process used to determine the proposed tax rate for the Columbia School District for the 2013-14 school year. It was recommended that the tax rate for 2013-14 be established as follows:

Incidental Fund	2.7500
Teachers Fund	$1.6413
Capital Projects Fund	.1007
Total Operating Funds Levy	$4.4920
Debt Service Fund Levy	.9319
Total Levy	$5.4239

President King invited public comments on the proposed tax rate. No comments were received.

After discussion, it was moved by Dr. Rose that the 2013-14 tax rate be established at $5.4239 as recommended. The second was by Ms. Mees. The vote was 7 yes—0 no.

Board of Education Resolution Regarding HB253
Ms. Mees, who serves on the board of the Missouri School Boards Association (MSBA), led a discussion regarding a sample resolution provided by MSBA urging the General Assembly to sustain Governor Jay Nixon's recent veto of House Bill 253. A variety of school districts across Missouri are supporting this resolution. After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Preis that the Columbia Board of Education support this resolution. The second was by Mr. Sessions. The vote was 7 yes—0 no. (A copy of the sample resolution is attached and made a part of the minutes.)

Adjournment
It was moved by Mr. Preis that the Board of Education immediately adjourn to meet in executive session at the Administration Building, 1818 West Worley Street, for the purpose of considering issues related to the leasing, sale, or purchase of real estate as authorized by the provisions of Section 610.021(2) of the Missouri statutes. The second was by Mr. Sessions. The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Preis voted . . . . . Yes
Dr. Rose voted . . . . . Yes
Ms. Wade voted . . . . . Yes
Ms. Whitt voted . . . . . Yes
Ms. Mees voted . . . . . Yes
Mr. Sessions voted . . . . . Yes
President King voted . . . . . Yes

There was no further business to come before the Board, and the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:00 a.m.

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President

Attest:_____
Secretary